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INTRODUCTION

1. In its resolution 807 (1993) of 19 February 1993, the Security Council decided to extend the mandate of the United Nations Protection Force (UNPROFOR) for an interim period terminating on 31 March 1993. In operative paragraph 9 of that resolution, the Security Council requested that I submit a report on the further extension of UNPROFOR's mandate.

DISCUSSIONS ON THE MANDATE

2. In my report to the Security Council (S/25264), which was the basis for the initial interim extension of UNPROFOR's mandate, I had pointed out that UNPROFOR was facing a number of difficulties in implementing its original mandate pursuant to Security Council resolution 743 (1992) and subsequent relevant resolutions. I, therefore, had asked the Co-Chairmen of the Steering Committee of the International Conference on the Former Yugoslavia (ICFY) to address these questions urgently with a view to establishing as soon as possible a basis on which I could make a substantive recommendation for an extension of UNPROFOR's mandate.

3. In accordance with operative paragraph 6 of Security Council resolution 807 (1992), the Co-Chairmen held several rounds of talks in New York and Geneva with representatives of the Government of Croatia and the Serb populations living in the United Nations Protected Areas and the pink zones. While some progress has been made in these talks, fundamental differences remain between the two sides.

4. It appears, therefore, that more time will be needed in order to bring the negotiations on this issue to a meaningful conclusion. As any termination of UNPROFOR's presence in Croatia would entail the strong likelihood of an outbreak of renewed hostilities, I recommend that UNPROFOR's mandate be extended for a further interim period of three months. At the same time, I urge the parties to cooperate in the implementation of UNPROFOR's existing mandate and to resolve any remaining differences in a spirit of compromise and cooperation. I also

have requested the Co-Chairmen of the ICFY to continue their efforts to obtain a renewed commitment by the two sides to the elements of the United Nations Peace-keeping Plan contained in document S/23280 and to the implementation of Security Council resolution 802 (1993) and other relevant resolutions.

FINANCIAL ASPECTS

5. It will be recalled that, in my report S/25264 of 10 February 1993, I recommended that with effect from the renewal of its mandate, all activities of UNPROFOR in the former Yugoslavia be financed in the normal manner, i.e. by assessments on the peace-keeping scale levied on all Member States. Accordingly, I recommend that as of 1 April 1993 all activities of UNPROFOR be incorporated in the United Nations budget for the period of three months. As requested in operative paragraph 9 of Security Council resolution 807 (1993), preliminary estimates of the additional costs to the United Nations will appear in an addendum to the present report. I should, of course, add that any changes to UNPROFOR's strength and deployment that may be necessitated by the success of ongoing negotiations in respect of either Croatia or Bosnia and Herzegovina will be brought separately to the Council's attention together with further revised estimates on their financial implications.